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DEFEATED ON THE SEA

GREAT BRITAIN LOSES GREATEST NAVAL BATTLE EVER.

GERMANY CLAIMS TO HAVE SUNK BATTLESHIP IN NORTH SEA FIGHT; TWO ENGLISH ARMORED CRUISERS LOST.

Queen Mary, Indefatigable, Invincible, Defence and Black Prince Among Doomed Vessels; Engagement Occurs Off Coast of Jutland; London Asserts Enemy's Fleet Avoided Main British Forces; Mastery of Seas Not Determined; Losses in Men Estimated as Running Into Thousands; Never Before Have Two Fleets of Such Size Come to Death Grips.

Berlin, June 2.—Germany's high sea fleet met the main part of the British fleet in battle in the north-eastern section of the North sea on May 31. In the heavy engagement which followed, the German fleet according to a report issued by the German admiralty, sank the British battleship *Queen Mary* and the armored cruiser *Indefatigable*, and a large number of warships of smaller tonnage. Several other British battleships are reported damaged, including the battleships *Marlborough*.

The German losses are announced as the battleship *Pommern*, the cruiser *Wiesbaden*, the protected cruiser *Frauenlob*, and several torpedo boats.

Many Destroyers Sunk. Admiral Hebbinghaus, director of the admiralty, told the reichstag this afternoon that the British torpedo boat losses were greater than had first been reported. At least three of the destroyer flotilla flagships, said the admiral, and nine or ten other destroyers had been sunk.

Of these, the battleship *Westfalen* alone sank six.

German Losses Described. The German battleship *Pommern* was sunk by a torpedo, the admiral continued, and the *Wiesbaden* by artillery. The *Frauenlob* was last seen by a German destroyer in a night encounter with a heavy list and the admiral said it was assumed she had been sunk.

The text of the German admiralty report, which is dated June 1, says: Our high sea fleet on May 31 encountered the main part of the English fighting fleet, which was considerably superior to our forces.

Last Night. "During the night, a heavy engagement developed, which was successful for us and which continued during the whole night.

"In this engagement, so far as known up to the present, there were destroyed by us the large battleship, *Warship*, the battle cruiser *Queen Mary* and *Indefatigable*, two armored cruisers, apparently the *Achilles* type, one small cruiser, the new flagship of the destroyer squadrons, the *Turbiner*, *Nestor* and *Alcazar*, a large number of torpedo boats, destroyers, and one submarine.

Many Ships Damaged. "By observation which was free and clear of objects, it was stated that a large number of English battleships suffered damage from our ships and the attacks of our torpedo boat flotilla during the day engagement and throughout the night.

"Among others the large battleship *Marlborough* was hit by a torpedo. This was confirmed by prisoners.

Crews are Rescued. "Several of our ships rescued parts of the crews of the sunken English ships, among them being two and the only survivors of the *Indefatigable*.

"On our side the small cruiser *Wiesbaden* by hostile gunfire during the day engagement, and his majesty's ship *Pommern*, during the night, as the result of a torpedo, were sunk.

"The fate of his majesty's ship *Frauenlob*, which is missing, and of some torpedo boats, which have not returned yet, is unknown.

"The high sea fleet returned today (Thursday) into our port."

Biggest in History. From the advice thus far received it would appear that the greatest naval battle of history has taken place. Never before have two naval forces of such magnitude as the British and German high sea fleets engaged in combat. But apparently the battle was not fought out to a point to determine mastery of the seas, for the losses, serious as they are reported to have been, will not impair the strength of either fleet to a great extent.

The scene of the battle was in the eastern waters of the North sea. It is probable that the fleet was on one of the excursions into the North sea which it has taken from time to time during the war, and met whether or not by design, with the British fleet.

Off Coast of Denmark. Skagerrak is an arm of the North sea between Norway and Denmark. The point referred to in the official German statement as Horn Riff probably is the reef off the horn on the southwestern extremity of Denmark. This would indicate that the battle was fought off the coast of Denmark. From the reef to Heligoland, the main German naval base in the North

sea, is about 100 miles.

News of the engagement was held back by the British authorities, possibly pending the return home of the fleet and the first word received of the battle came by wireless from Berlin, by which means the Germans are able to escape the censorship over cable lines.

Losses are Heavy. The loss in the engagement must have been extremely heavy. The battle cruiser *Indefatigable*, for instance, from which the German admiralty reports only two men were saved, probably had more than 900 men on board and others of the vessels sunk carried complements of men equally or nearly as large.

The dreadnaught *Warship* was a sister ship of the *Queen Elizabeth*, both of which played a prominent part in the attempt of the British Mediterranean fleet to force the Dardanelles. The *Warship* was 600 feet long and displaced 27,500 tons. She was built in 1914 at a cost of \$12,500,000. The *Warship* is reported to have carried eight 16-inch guns in place of the 15-inch guns carried by the *Queen Elizabeth*. She also was equipped with twelve or sixteen 6-inch guns, twelve 4-inch guns, four 3-pounders and was fitted with four 21-inch torpedo tubes. Her complement was 750 men.

Big Ships Go Down. The *Queen Mary* and the *Indefatigable* were both British battle cruisers of 27,000 and 18,750 tons displacement respectively. The *Queen Mary* was 720 feet, 87 feet beam and drew 30 feet of water.

The *Queen Mary* was completed in 1913. She carried eight 13.5 inch guns and was equipped with three 21-inch torpedo tubes. The *Indefatigable* was 578 feet long 79 feet beam and 27 feet deep. This battle cruiser was equipped with eight 12-inch guns, sixteen 4-inch guns and had three 21-inch torpedo tubes. The *Queen Mary* and the *Indefatigable* carried complements of between 900 and 950. The *Queen Mary* cost about \$10,000,000 while the *Indefatigable* cost nearly \$8,000,000.

Dreadnaught Is Struck. The British dreadnaught *Marlborough*, said to have been struck by a torpedo, was of the Iron Duke class. She was built in Davenport in 1914, displaced 25,000 tons, was 620 feet long, 95 feet beam and 27 feet deep. She carried ten 13.5 inch guns, twelve 6-inch guns and a number of smaller arms. She was equipped with four submerged torpedo tubes.

The German battleship *Pommern*, which was sunk by a British torpedo, displaced 12,997 tons. She was 398 feet long, 72 feet beam and 23 feet deep. The *Pommern* was built in 1907 at a cost of about \$6,000,000. She carried 729 officers and men. Her armament consisted of four 11-inch guns, fourteen 6.7-inch guns, a number of pieces of smaller caliber, and six 17.7 inch torpedo tubes.

The *Frauenlob*, which did not return to the German base after the engagement, was a small German cruiser displacing 2,715 tons.

Description of Victims. The *Invincible* was laid down in 1907. She displaced 17,250 tons, was 562 feet long over all, 78 feet beam and 26 feet deep. Her normal complement was 731. She was armed with eight 12-inch guns, sixteen 4-inch guns and three torpedo tubes. The *Invincible* took part in the naval engagement off the Falkland islands in December, 1914, in which the German Pacific squadron, after defeating a British squadron off the Chilean coast, was destroyed.

The *Defence* was built in 1907, displacement 14,600 tons, and ordinarily carried 755 men. Her length was 525 feet, her beam 74 feet and her maximum draught 28 feet. She was armed with four 9.2 inch and ten 7.5 inch guns, sixteen 12-pounders and five torpedo tubes.

The *Black Prince* was built in 1904, displaced 13,550 tons and carried 700 men. She was 480 feet long and 73 feet beam. Her armament was six 9.2-inch and ten 6-inch guns, twenty 3-pounders and three torpedo tubes. The *Warrior*, which was disabled, displaced 13,000 tons and is 480 feet long. Her complement is 704. She carries six 9.2-inch and four 7.5-inch guns, twenty-four 3-pounders and three torpedo tubes.

Britain's Previous Losses. Previous to this battle Great Britain had lost during the course of the war ten battleships, eleven cruisers and various smaller craft. Germany had lost eighteen cruisers, nineteen auxiliary cruisers, chiefly converted passenger liners and numerous smaller vessels.

Since the beginning of the war British cruisers and destroyers have patrolled during day and night, the approaches to the German fleet's base in the bay formed by the mouths of the Elbe and the Weser, protected by the supposedly impregnable defense, the mighty fortifications of Wilhelmshaven on the south; on the north by the Kiel canal and guarded by the outlying island of Heligoland. Until the engagement that has just occurred, however, no German fleet has put forth in force to necessitate the giving of the alarm to the British main fleet.

Mrs. Goodrich, who has been visiting her brother, C. H. McLenathen, and family, leaves tonight for her home in Denver, Colo. Mr. McLenathen accompanies his sister for a visit.

Miss Maud Jones was hostess to a rock party at her home Thursday evening and several pleasant hours were spent by a number of guests in this interesting game.

I. O. F. 20TH ANNIVERSARY.

The local Lodge of Odd Fellows will observe the 20th anniversary of the institution of the lodge at Odd Fellows' hall on Tuesday evening, next. Eddy lodge No. 21 was instituted June 12, 1896, and there are at present three members on its rolls who were initiated on that evening. They are Bros. B. A. Nymeyer, J. E. Lavery, and A. A. Bearup. During the twenty years of its existence, the lodge has had practically all of the leading citizens of the community among its membership. The present building was erected in 1906 and since that time a number of interior improvements have been added. June 13th is Odd Fellows' Memorial Day and a suitable program also will be rendered on Tuesday evening, next, in memory of the late Louis A. Tomlinson, a former member of the lodge. The program follows: Piano solo.

Memorial day proclamation. "Our Departed Brother" D. G. Grantham. Solo. "Our Twentieth Anniversary" J. E. Lavery. Drill, Carlsbad Rebekah Lodge. Refreshments. "Reminiscences."

ALABAMA MINSTRELS.

The high moral plan on which the Alabama Minstrels is conducted should guarantee the company a liberal patronage by the people of Carlsbad and vicinity. The Alabama minstrels is one of the best organizations of its kind in existence and enjoys the favorable endorsement of its audiences wherever it shows. Friday, June 9th.

There will be a dance at the club rooms tomorrow night. Music will be furnished by the colored orchestra.

OUTRAGES ON AMERICANS IN CHIHUAHUA

FOREIGN CLUBS AND UNITED STATES CONSULATE STONED BY LAWLESS STREET THROG.

Demonstration Comes as Climax to Meeting Called to Demand Immediate Withdrawal of General Pershing's Expedition.

Special Train to Leave Chihuahua This Morning Bringing Americans to Border; State Department Officials Regard Situation as Grave.

—Yesterday's El Paso Times.

Thousands of Mexicans who attended an anti-American meeting held last evening at the Centennial theater at Chihuahua City in response to a call issued by General Jacinto Trevino, commander of the division of the north, after the meeting attacked the American consulate, tore the coat of arms from the door, threw stones through the windows and then made

assaults on the Foreign club and the homes of a number of Americans. The rioting lasted for more than an hour before the military authorities decided to disperse the mob. Hether any Americans were killed or injured was not learned last night, but grave fears are entertained for their safety.

Consulate Wrecked. General Lopez sent a detachment of soldiers to the American consulate during the rioting there, but the troops seemed powerless to handle the rioters until they had succeeded in practically wrecking the property. Consul Marion Letcher is at present in Washington and it is not believed that there was any one in the consulate at the time of the attack.

Finally a strong guard was thrown around the building and detachments were sent to guard the Foreign club and the homes of the American residents. Information received here last night indicated that anti-American demonstrations continued throughout the night.

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PENSLAR

If you wish to buy some good pigs, attend the Beattie Wilson sale June 12th in Carlsbad.

Jack Greenlee reports the sale of a Chevrolet to Mr. Cobb of Eunice. Mr. Cobb accompanied Jack to Queen in the car and after seeing it perform at once ordered one. The Chevrolet is sold at \$630.00, the lowest price of any first class car on the market and is fully equipped with electric starter, lights, speedometer and is a complete car with tires interchangeable with the Ford. See Greenlee if you want a first class car that will outwear any other.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Lamb will leave next week for Oklahoma City. They will go through in the car. Ed says they are coming back this fall if it rains between now and that time.

Miss Stella Campbell will arrive in Carlsbad from Oklahoma tomorrow night. Miss Stella is a sister of Miss Ella Campbell and a cousin of Miss Nora Rennie. The Misses Campbell expect to make Carlsbad their home for a year.

MISS RENNIE LEAVES.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Lamb gave a farewell dance in honor of Miss Nora Rennie last evening. Miss Rennie left on the eleven o'clock train for Oklahoma.

Music was furnished by the colored orchestra and the large crowd present had a very enjoyable evening. Miss Rennie was leaving to leave early to catch the train. Mr. and Mrs. Lamb, Miss Ella Campbell, Walter Pendleton, Frank Kindel, and several others, went to the train to bid Miss Rennie good bye and she was heartily urged to hurry back and make Carlsbad a longer visit.

One of the pleasant social events of the past week was the big dance at the club rooms Thursday evening. Music was furnished by the negro string orchestra and the merry-makers tripped the light fantastic until a late hour.

A few young people enjoyed a picnic supper at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lewis Thursday.

DOMESTIC BLISS.

Shown in the Confessions of a Happily Married Man.

It takes my wife a long time to read anything. I skim whole pages instant by. She hates to be read aloud to. I love it.

When we travel I always suggest to her in advance the car we shall take. She agrees, but will suddenly change her mind and insist upon taking another one. I grumble to myself and obey. She likes the top of the auto up. I loathe it up. It remains up.

I always praise her golf, no matter how badly she plays. She always deprecates mine, no matter how well I play. When I criticize anything she does I don't say it. I think it. That sometimes makes trouble enough.

I compliment her occasionally before others. She pretends that she doesn't understand why I do it.

When I buy a new suit she will never admit that she admires it until it is worn out. Then she says the next one isn't half so becoming as the last. When she gets a new gown I admire it intensely until it is about time to replace it with another. She never liked any hat that I have ever bought. I like every one of hers—on principle.

I laugh at her when she gets too serious. When I get too serious she avoids me.

I keep her informed about my business only when she asks me. She never asks me, so you know the result.

I tell her a funny story every day. If I have two I keep one for the next day. Sometimes she laughs at them.

She asks me occasionally if I think her hair is as long as it was. I always tell her it is longer.

I hate bridge, dinner parties, dancing and the opera. She respects my opinion and makes me do them all.

She wakes up checks and forgets to enter them on the stubs. Every time I catch her in this omission she reminds me of the celebrated occasion when I left the tickets to a large theater party in my other suit.

She always keeps her temper when I lose mine. I keep mine when she loses hers.

I once told her she was thoroughly spoiled. She kissed me and said she was 12—14.

THE BIG CONVENTIONS

ROOSEVELT TO RUN AS A PROGRESSIVE IF GOP REFUSES HIM

REPUBLICANS CUT IT SHORT.

First Session Thursday Was Given to Permanent Organization and a Few Speeches. Committee on Resolutions Causes a Recess Until Four.

The two Republican conventions now in session in Chicago are in a deadlock. The straight Republicans seem to want any one except Roosevelt and the Rooseveltites will not agree to vote for any one for president unless the straight Republicans swallow Roosevelt, tasks and spectacles, egotism and conceit, hide and hair. If the straight Republicans should happen to do the unexpected it would not be a surprise but the general conviction is that it will be a dark horse, similar to the convention that nominated Garfield. Up to the hour of this paper going to press at three P. M., Friday, but very little has been done in either convention except to learn that Roosevelt will have no other except himself and will run as a bull moose if the straight Republicans do not swallow him.

Coliseum, Chicago, June 8.—When the doors of the coliseum were opened this morning, two hours before the republican convention was due to begin business, the pouring rain which has soaked the delegates and spectators for three days, was still falling.

It was just 11:32 when Chairman Harding brought down the gavel. Chairman Harding asked the convention to rise while Monsignor Francis G. Kelley read a prayer.

After a long delay, C. D. Warren, of Michigan, presented unanimous report of the committee on rules. At 1:31 o'clock, the convention recessed until 4 p. m., to await the report of the resolutions committee which still was working on the platform.

The convention was in session about two hours and did nothing more than perfect its permanent organization and listen to some speeches.

Dissenting reports on the woman suffrage and Mexican planks have been carried to the full committee by the sub-committee and the convention was forced to wait while the committee discussed these measures, and debated adoption of a prohibition plank.

Chauncey M. Depew, former speaker, Cannon, and Senator Borah made speeches to occupy the delegates while the convention was awaiting the report of the resolutions committee. Mr. Harding then called for the report of the credentials committee. Senator Smoot, the chairman, was applauded as he started to read the report, recommending the seating of 987 delegates and listing of the decisions in contested cases. It excluded two delegates from the District of Columbia, admitted two each from Alaska and Hawaii. The report was adopted.

The report of the committee on permanent organization, recommending the temporary organization be made permanent, was then carried.

Representative Bennett, of New York, then presented Senator Harding as permanent chairman.

Repeated whacks of the gavel only brought louder cheers. While awaiting the rules committee report, the chairman recognized Chairman Smoot again for a supplemental report from the credentials committee giving votes to the six delegates from Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Philippines. It was adopted.

That made the total number of votes in the convention 989, making 495 votes necessary to a nomination.

Finally, the unanimous report of the rules committee was ready. One of the rules prohibits a state delegation from changing its vote unless there has been an error in casting it.

While the report of the rules committee was being read, an Associated Press dispatch from Oyster Bay quoting Colonel Roosevelt as willing to come to Chicago if the republican convention wanted him to address it, was handed to chairman Harding. He showed it to Senator Borah, Murray Crane, Charles D. Hilles and it was then passed around to others.

Senator Harding had no comment to make, but Senator Borah said:

"If I were sure that Roosevelt actually said that himself, I would be in favor of inviting him here."

The chairman appointed former secretary Simon and Speaker Sweet, of New York, to escort Chauncey M. Depew to the platform.

Eighty-two years old, the famous New Yorker faced the convention amid cheers. His voice was still full and round.

"Today, we have a world-crisis in which even Christianity is doubted," he said in referring to the war.

"We are entering upon this canvass either with an assertion of Americanism that will keep us out of it, or a mollycoddle policy that will put us in it."

The mention of Elihu Root brought scattered applause and cheers. It was the first mention of the name of one of the republican candidates.

The general tone of Mr. Depew's

speech was for national preparedness and the convention approved it. "When I turn to a pacifist," he said, "I turn to a leading exponent, my friend, Mr. Bryan, who is here in the hall."

The former secretary was in the press stand as newspaper correspondent and sat smiling at the reference to himself and the laughter that followed.

Mr. Depew spoke thirty minutes. Chairman Harding introduced former speaker Cannon as "Grand Old Uncle Joe."

Without the celebrated black cigar "Uncle Joe" bowed and smiled. "Chauncey," said Uncle Joe, turning to Mr. Depew, "I am coming to your 100th anniversary." The crowd laughed.

"We fell out from the personal standpoint, largely four years ago," said Mr. Cannon, "but there is not going to be any further falling out because this convention will nominate a worthy ticket and it will be elected."

"This year, we'll have no shibboleth from anybody," he said. "The country's bigger than any man or set of men."

Chairman Harding then presented Senator Borah of Idaho. There was a good bit of demonstration for him.

Borah made a plea for a straight republican pronouncement.

"Let us pledge ourselves again as we did fifty years ago, to a United Republic," said Mr. Borah.

"A nation which declares itself too proud to fight will soon be regarded as too cowardly to live."

"Columbus and Glenn Springs," he said, referring to the Mexican raids, "were the answer to the policy after Santa Ysabel."

As he closed, Herbert Parsons moved that the convention recess until 4 p. m., to await further report of the resolutions committee.

CUT BACKS RETURN.

All those of Company B. N. M. N. G., who were rejected for being physically disqualified returned on the train from the north yesterday. The full list of the "cut-backs" is as follows, and as far as we could learn the cause of rejection:

S. B. Richey, age.

A. H. O'Quinn, eye-sight.

Chas. W. Crozier, supposed tubercular.

Thos. R. McLenathen, family health record.

Wm. P. McLenathen, family health record.

Lucius E. Anderson, too tall for weight.

Lloyd S. Beckett, too light.

Chas. Beckett, too light.

Calvin B. Duncan.

John H. Galton, hearing.

H. H. Grubaugh, stopped off at Clovis.

Joseph J. Grubaugh.

R. W. Hyatt.

James Saint Elmo.

Joseph T. Lindsey, arm injured.

S. E. McCaigian.

Chas. E. McGill, stopped off at El Paso.

Ans. F. McClellan, stopped off at El Paso.

Arthur B. McSwain, stopped off at Albuquerque.

Roman W. Ohnemus, age.

Claude Reed.

Jno. F. Roderick, Columbus.

L. L. Watkins.

Royal E. Wilkinson.

EDDY COUNTY HOSPITAL NEWS.

Miss Gloria Jackson was operated on Saturday and removed home the same day.

Mr. Chas. Witt will undergo an operation for appendicitis today.

Senora Lucia Ruiz was dismissed from the institution Wednesday.

Mr. Chas. Adams had a slight operation performed on his neck Wednesday.

Mr. James Woods left the hospital Saturday having rented Mrs. Prator's tent.

Mrs. G. M. Boyd, of Lakewood, who was operated on 10 days ago, will leave the hospital Sunday.

Miss Agnes Thorne was operated on for removal of tonsils Wednesday.

Mr. J. Barber underwent a slight operation Thursday and will soon be up and around.

Mrs. Dolph Lusk is spending a few days at the hospital.

Mrs. Leon Mudgett was operated on Thursday and is doing very well.

Master Frank Smith underwent an operation for tonsils Thursday and removed home shortly after.

Miss Ruth Galton leaves tonight for Victor, Col., to visit her father.

The Weir brothers of Monument, Bert, Charles and George, left last week, Thursday, for Oklahoma, where they will take part in roping contests and from there to other points where they will rope for purses ranging from five hundred to five thousand dollars. They will visit the following places: 1st. Pittsburg, Okla., June 9 to 10; Cedar Falls, Iowa, June 13, 14 and 15; Sioux City, Iowa, July 3, 4, 5, and 6; Billings, Montana, July 13, 14 and 15; Garden City, Kan., July 17 to 21; Cheyenne, Wyoming, July 26, 27, 28, and 29; New York City, N. Y., August 5 to 12. The Weir brothers are noted ropers and no doubt will prove their talents in that line by winning some of the first prize purses. Mr. Bert Weir having at one time won the world's championship.

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